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Application Number: 10/721,215)	Group Art Unit: 1742
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Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the final Office Action dated March 22, 2006, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before June 22, 2006.

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